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Algeria: The Revolutionary Council of Colonel Houari Boumedienne is continuing to consolidate its position.

Some outspoken support for deposed president Ben Bella has emerged. On 21 June, for the second straight day, police and military had to disperse students and youths demonstrating in favor of him.

The country's sole political party, the National Liberation Front, is holding local rallies to express allegiance to the new regime. The first declarations of such support were issued by the party in Setif and Kabylia, both traditional centers of resistance to the central authority. Abdelhamid Boussouf, the Algerian rebel intelligence chief during the struggle for independence and long at odds with Ben Bella, has declared his complete confidence in Boumedienne.

The well-informed Tunisian ambassador to Algiers believes that the Boumedienne regime may be an improvement over the Ben Bella administration. Although it is equally authoritarian, the new regime is likely to be more honest and nonaligned in deed as well as in slogan. The ambassador says that it moved immediately to round up known Communists and sympathizers.

Algerian Foreign Minister Bouteflika has reiterated that the Second Afro-Asian conference will convene on 29 June as scheduled. [The Chinese Communists reportedly are pressing for this.]

Asian and African members of the Commonwealth, meeting in London, have recommended that the conference be postponed, and Malawi has joined Burma in announcing that it will no longer participate. Libya and Liberia have also urged that the conference be postponed, while Iraq has "canceled" its delegation. 7

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*Greece: Premier Papandreu, under increased attack from elements within his own party as well as from the opposition, has called for a vote of confidence.

Papandreu's demand late yesterday for the vote follows the failure last week of some 30 left-of-center deputies of his Center Union (EK) party to support him in voting to drop an investigation of charges of corruption against conservative ex-premier Karamanlis of the National Radical Union (ERE). There are only 171 EK deputies in the 300-seat parliament.

The EK left wing is reported to be bitter over the prime minister's stand on this issue. The pro-Communist EDA has accused Papandreu of covert collaboration with the present leader of the ERE. Allegedly, Papandreu agreed to drop charges against Karamanlis if the ERE would not insist on further disclosures about ASPIDA--a covert organization of left-of-center army officers with whom Papandreu's son, Andreas, has been involved.

At the same time, there are rumors of coup plotting among conservative military officers. They are disturbed over the ASPIDA affair and over moves by Papandreu to implicate senior army officers in partisan political activity during parliamentary elections four years ago.

Papandreu is believed to retain substantial support with the Greek electorate. He has repeatedly warned that in the event he were to lose a confidence vote he would ask the King to call new elections which are not desired by either the ERE or dissident elements within the EK.

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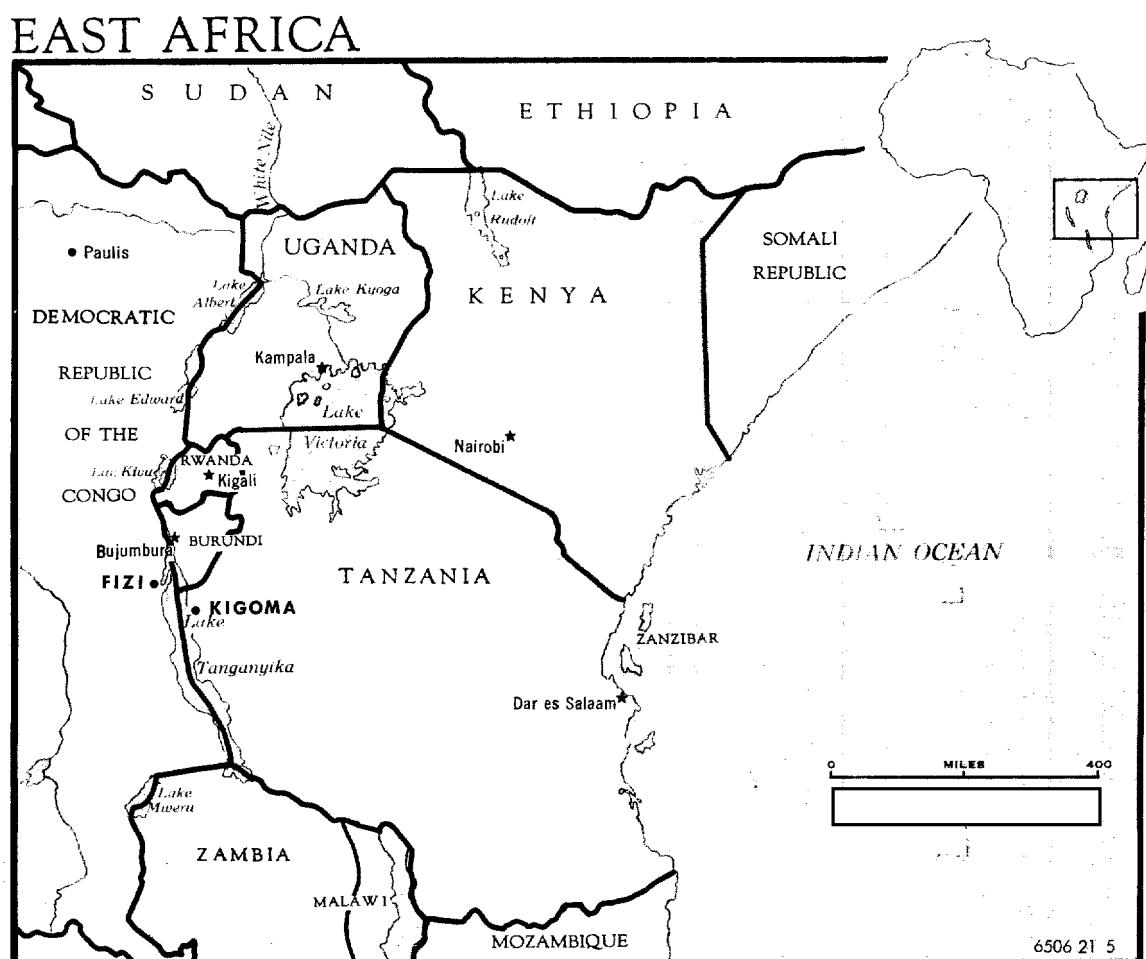
Common Market: [France's attempt to defeat the EEC Commission's proposals for financing the community and strengthening the European Parliament is running into determined opposition.]

[Members of the Socialist group in the European Parliament, led by the Dutch, are threatening to table a motion of no confidence in the commission if it makes basic changes in its proposals. They believe EEC Commissioner Mansholt's reported intent to resign under such circumstances would prevent the commission from thus backing down.]

[The Dutch Socialists have expressed confidence that in the event of a showdown they can oblige the Dutch Government to veto any attempt by the EEC Council of Ministers to override the commission proposals. This might bring EEC agricultural integration to a halt.]

[Although the Germans have reservations about significant aspects of the commission proposals, they also disagree strongly with France's suggestions for a "compromise" solution. Further French-German talks on the financial regulations will take place in Paris this week.]

[In France, meanwhile, considerable opposition to the government's relaxation of pressure for early completion of a common agricultural policy is apparently developing among important farm organizations. They reportedly feel their interests are being sacrificed for "political" reasons.]



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Congo: A few foreign advisers may be with the Congolese rebels near Fizi on the northwestern shore of Lake Tanganyika. A priest who recently left the area says he saw five "Asian instructors" with the local insurgents, who have been somewhat more effective than other Congo rebels. The "instructors" could have come across the lake from Kigoma, Tanzania, where Communist Chinese have frequently been reported.

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South Korea: Student demonstrations against the South Korean - Japanese agreement are mounting. They may reach a peak when the South Korean foreign minister returns from Tokyo, where he is expected to sign the agreement this week. Police have been put on the highest alert, and President Pak Chong-hui has publicly stated that he intends to control the demonstrations.

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*Bolivia: On 20 June Co-Presidents Barrientos and Ovando announced the establishment of the Second Republic of Bolivia, according to the La Paz press reports.

the cabinet
has been considering such a move since May when Ovando proposed it. Details of the new republic are lacking but Ovando's proposal called for a complete reorganization of the executive and legislative branches.]

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Details of the new republic are lacking, but indications are that the executive, legislative, and judicial branches will be completely reorganized. []

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